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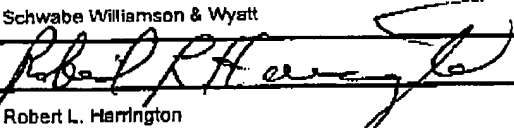
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 21, 2005

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In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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